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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/46/730)]

46/141. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 43/195 of 20 December 1988, 44/212 of 22 December 1989 and 45/213 of 21 December 1990,

Noting that the eradication of poverty in developing countries has become a top-priority development objective for the 1990s,

Stressing that effective national policies supported by a favourable international economic environment can promote growth and development in developing countries, thus increasing their capacity to undertake social and economic programmes to eradicate poverty,

Noting that efforts made so far nationally and internationally to eradicate poverty have not had a significant impact on the problem of increasing poverty,

Aware that achieving the objective of eradicating poverty requires more concerted action at all levels,

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1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries; 1/

2. Stresses the importance of domestic policies, including effective budgetary policies, to mobilize and allocate domestic resources for the eradication of poverty through, inter alia, the implementation of food, health, education, housing and population programmes;

3. Reiterates that a supportive international economic environment is crucial to the success of efforts of developing countries to deal with the eradication of poverty;

4. Reiterates its request to the international community to adopt specific and effective measures designed to increase financial flows to developing countries, including attainment of the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance, as well as of the targets for the least developed countries adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 2/ in order to strengthen the efforts of developing countries to eradicate poverty;

5. Calls upon the international community to implement technical cooperation programmes in order to improve the situation in the areas of food, health, education, population and housing and meet other basic needs of the populations of developing countries, in particular the poorest groups among them, and, in this context, reaffirms that, with respect to the transfer of technology on concessional and preferential terms, in particular to developing countries, effective modalities should be examined with a view to implementing and enhancing that transfer as much as possible;

6. Encourages the international community, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to support the programmes of developing countries, including human resources development programmes, in order to strengthen endogenous technical capacities and generate opportunities for production and employment;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the progress made in coordinating actions, in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations and other multilateral bodies, to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries, within the framework of the United Nations system, in accordance with the policies, priorities and strategies of those countries;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries".

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1/ A/46/454.

2/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.